Oratorical contest set at ACHS

Mr. Ivy Holland, representing the local American Legion Post, recently met with a committee of ACHS staff members to plan for the 47th Annual National High School Oratorical Contest.

The contest, open to any student with an interest in the U.S. Constitution, begins at the local high school level, from which the winner advances to a district competition, then possibly on to a regional and then state competition, before on to national competition.

The high school committee, consisting of Mr. Don Armentrout, Principal, Mrs. Linda Archer, Counselor, Mrs. Shirley Eye, Mrs. Estelne McCraw, Ms. Carla Vann, Mrs. Joyce Sweet, teachers, and Mrs. Margaret Glover, Librarian, were motivated to involve our students since a Virginia student, Keith R. Finch from Blacksburg High School, became the national winner last year and won over $16,000 in scholarships for college use. The local American Legion Post and ACHS will provide the following prizes for local winners: first place, $100 and a U.S. flag; second place, $50 and a U.S. flag; third place, $25 and a U.S. flag.

During the month of October students will be gathering data for their topic which can be on any phase of the U.S. Constitution dealing with U.S. citizens. To aid students in this phase of their work, a special class on the Constitution will be taught by Ms. Carla Vann. Interested students are invited to meet with her at 8 a.m., three mornings, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, for the next three weeks. These sessions will begin on October 11.

At the end of this month's work, teachers will select the best written essays and encourage these students to continue their work in turning the essays into eight to ten minute speeches. During the month of November, students will receive help from English teachers, Social Studies teachers and other sources to prepare for class contests or club contests.

These winners will then be eligible for the over-all school contest to be held on December 15. To oversee the preparation of the students for this contest, each participant will be assigned to one staff member for special practice and encouragement. Contestants will also be preparing for an extemporaneous, three to five minute oration on one of several given articles or amendments to the Constitution.

The purpose of The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Concord club meets

The Concord Young Homemakers held their regular monthly meeting Oct. 3 at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church. After a brief business meeting, the members went to Kay's Flower Creations, where Mrs. Kay Bondurant demonstrated floral and wreath arranging.

After the demonstration, Mrs. Helen Franklin served refreshments.

The Concord Young Homemakers are sponsoring a Country, Gospel and Bluegrass show, to be held Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Concord Elementary School from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The three musical groups to be featured include "The Dutchman's Branch", "The King's Messengers", and "The Three in One". Tickets are $2.50 for adults, $1 for children ages five to 12, and admission is free to children under age five. Tickets may be purchased from any club member and will be on sale at the door Nov. 5. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

In connection with the country music show, there will be a business meeting Monday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Mrs. Maureen Shupe's home. All members are requested to be present.

The Concord Chapter of Young Homemakers will host the South Central Area Young Homemakers Banquet on Friday, Nov. 18. It will be held at the Town Terrace Restaurant on Route 460 West, in Bedford at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Frances Horning by Nov. 1 for more details and to make reservations.

The next monthly meeting of the Concord Chapter of Young Homemakers will be Monday, Nov. 7.

Linda McDonald to head up group

Linda McDonald of Route 3, Box 255, Lynchburg has been named coordinator for the Rustburg area "Chemical People" Town Meeting, scheduled for Nov. 1 at Rustburg Middle School.

Mrs. McDonald is a member of the Rustburg Woman's Club.

"The Chemical People" is a major community outreach effort against school-age drug and alcohol abuse currently being organized throughout the nation. Town meetings are being planned for Nov. 3 all across the United States. Gov. Charles Robb has declared Nov. 2-9 "Chemical People Week" in Virginia.

Learning more about "The Chemical People" may call 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 to view the first of two nationwide telecasts about school-age substance abuse and then discuss the problem in their community. The aim of each meeting is to establish a permanent task force that will take continuing action against the problem.

Other Rustburg-area committee members are Mrs. Wanda Ward, Mrs. Joan Phelps, Mr. Kenny Holt, and Ms. Linda Lynch. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Rustburg area committee or learning more about "The Chemical People" may call Linda McDonald at 332-7233 or Wanda Ward at 332-6000.

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Coleman to go for state title

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Special Correspondent

Once upon a time, from the county of Appomattox a pretty girl wearing blue jeans and a rhinestone tiara came to the State Fair of Virginia to represent the farmers of her home area. Seventeen-year-old Lisa Coleman, Miss Appomattox County Farm Bureau, was her name.

Miss Coleman was crowned last May after giving a speech to a panel of judges on "The Farm Family Today," after which she was interviewed.

To compete for the title, a girl must be a daughter of one of the county's producer families. Miss Coleman was selected on the basis of her poise, the content of her speech and the manner in which she presented it.

According to Margaret Glover, the woman's chairman of the Appomattox Farm Bureau, that organization is "a legislative body that works to better the farmer's position."

Since May, Miss Coleman has been presented to various groups and has participated in the Fourth of July Parade in Concord, and in the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

The highlight of her time as Miss Appomattox Farm Bureau will be the Virginia State Farm Bureau convention, where she will compete for the title of Miss Virginia Farm Bureau with about 20 girls Nov. 25-30.

In Williamsburg, at the convention, Miss Coleman will again give her farm family speech. In addition, she will be interviewed by the judges and participate in an evening gown competition.

Miss Coleman said she was nervous, but "couldn't wait" for the state competition. She enjoys her current position because she likes to meet and talk with people. As to what assets she thinks she will help her in the state competition, she said, "I'm used to getting up in front of people in school. I hope that will help."

Miss Coleman is second vice president of her local chapter of the Future Famers of America and vice president of the FFA Hob Federation, a group including 10 counties in Virginia. She is also active in a 4-H group.

Teresa Ivey, the current Miss Virginia Farm Bureau, from Southampton County, said she enjoyed her year. "I met many people and travelled more in Virginia than I expected." Her advice to Miss Coleman was: "be yourself -- don't try to be someone you're not."

Miss Coleman's parents, Ruth and Warren Coleman, are active members of the Appomattox Farm Bureau. They are proud of their daughter, but successful daughters are not new to them. Their older daughter, Mrs. Johanna Smith, was Miss Appomattox Farm Bureau five years ago.

In addition to representing the farm bureau, Miss Coleman was showing three market pigs in the swine competition at the state fair this year. She placed sixth and seventh in the Mini-Swine Camp Class, eighth in the Medium Weight Market Hogs class, and ninth in Showing and Fitting.

Sorority to meet

Alpha Delta Kappa, international honorary sorority for women educators, is celebrating its 36th anniversary the week of Oct. 9-15. The Farmville Chapter will participate in the District Membership Conference Saturday, Oct. 22 at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond to commemorate this week.

A.D.K was founded in Jefferson, Missouri in 1947 and became an international organization in 1956. The sorority seeks to recognize outstanding women educators. Other goals of the organization include building a fraternal fellowship among educators; promoting excellence in education; promoting educational and charitable projects and activities; enriching the lives of individuals everywhere and assisting these individuals into a happy, constructive and fulfilling life.

The goals are achieved through various local, state, regional and international projects. Internationally, the sorority provides money for foreign students to study in the United States, for research grants, and for members to travel abroad.

The Virginia chapters contribute to the Children's Unit of Eastern State Hospital in Williamsburg and award three scholarships annually to Virginia A.D.K. members.

The Farmville Chapter of A.D.K. was organized in April of 1970. The chapter has members representing public and private schools and colleges in Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, and Prince Edward Counties.

The local committee who organized the program for A.D.K. Week consisted of Dorothy Campbell, chairman; Marilyn Osborne, Martha Waldrop, Ethel Southall, and Elizabeth Duckworth.

A.D.K. programs for the year are planned for both professional and personal enrichment.

The Farmville Chapter officers are Jean Noone, president; Pat Johnson, vice president; Rosa Inge, recording secretary; Carolyn Jolly, corresponding secretary; Laura Birdsong, treasurer; Velda Agee, historian; Betty Coleman, sergeant at arms; and Cecil Kidd, chaplain.

Visiting hours change

Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospitals has announced a change in the visiting hours for critical care units.

As of Oct. 11, visiting hours for patients in these units are from 11:30 a.m. until noon, from 4:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., and from 8:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Each patient will now be allowed two visitors at a time. Visitors will receive individual passes from a security guard in the hospital lobby during visiting hours.

Critical care units include coronary care, intensive care, neurological intensive care, post-surgical care and surgical intensive care.

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